

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 71, 76, and 78 and amend claims 70, 73, 77, and 79-84, as reflected below in the Listing of Claims.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-69 (canceled)

70. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

accepting, at a server, a submission of applicant insurance data for placement of ~~an~~ a surplus lines insurance policy transmitted by an insurance producer operating in a ~~first jurisdiction and not being licensed in the jurisdiction to broker insurance policies of the type specified by the submission;~~

providing a database containing information sufficient to identify a plurality of brokers who are licensed in the ~~first~~ jurisdiction to place surplus lines insurance policies of the type specified by the submission;

identifying, by the server, at least one broker licensed in the ~~first~~ jurisdiction that accepts submissions of the type transmitted by the insurance producer searching broker data in the database;

notifying at least one identified broker about the submission;

permitting at least one identified broker access, through the server, to the submission;

receiving, at the server, an acceptance of the submission for the insurance policy from one identified broker;

generating a quotation, by the server, for the insurance policy in the submission;

and

sending, by the server, the quotation to the insurance producer.

Claim 71 (Canceled).

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70 further comprising:  
providing a graphical user interface to the insurance producer to allow the insurance producer to enter the applicant insurance data.

73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, wherein the graphical user interface allows the insurance producer to enter information related to an insured entity of the surplus lines insurance policy.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the graphical user interface is provided to the insurance producer over the internet.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the graphical user interface is configured to be displayed by an internet browser.

Claim 76 (Canceled).

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~76~~ 70, wherein the surplus lines insurance policy includes a property and casualty insurance policy.

Claim 78 (Canceled).

79. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 70, further comprising providing a database containing information describing legal requirements for placing surplus lines insurance policies of the ~~specific~~ type specified by the submission in the first jurisdiction.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 70, further comprising:  
receiving by the server an acceptance of the quotation for the surplus lines insurance policy from the insurance producer.

81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, further comprising:  
generating the surplus lines insurance policy according to regulatory requirements of the ~~first~~ jurisdiction related to surplus lines insurance policies of the ~~specific~~ type specified by the submission.
82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 70, further comprising:  
rating the surplus lines insurance policy based on a set of guidelines.
83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 82, further comprising:  
notifying an underwriter who underwrites the surplus lines insurance policy when the surplus lines insurance policy does not satisfy the set of guidelines.
84. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 83, further comprising:  
providing a graphical user interface to the underwriter to allow the underwriter to rate the surplus lines insurance policy when the insurance policy does not satisfy the set of guidelines.